

Amendments to th Specification

Page 16, replace the single paragraph of the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following paragraph:--

A shuttered connector ~~according to the present invention~~ includes a fitting part that receives a mating connector including an insertion part having a slanted surface, an insulator, at least one shutter that is rotatably supported by and fixed on the insulator, and helical springs that continuously urge the shutter in the closing direction. The shutter is selectively in a closed state when the shutter covers the fitting part and in an opened state when the mating connector is capable of being fitted with the shuttered connector. The mating connector includes insertion parts. The shutter further includes ~~a guide units. The insertion parts and the guide units cooperate to rotate the shutter in order to open the shutter so that the mating connector is capable of being fitted with the shuttered connector~~ having an inclined surface, the shutter being rotated to open outward, with the inclined surface being pushed by the slanted surface when the fitting part receives the mating connector so that the shuttered connector is capable of fitting the mating connector.